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RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDER FELLOWSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Research Projects completed by serving Armed Forces Personnel under the Fellowship Scheme at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) since September, 2000 onwards till date;

(b) the details of number of Armed Forces Personnel, who are still continuing in IDSA despite a lapse of an extendable period up to four years as per the norms under the Fellowship Scheme;

(c) the reasons attributed to retain their services as well as 'Service Members' at the Institute vis-Ã -vis their repatriation to their parent Cadre ignoring the national interest; and

(d) the details of all the Foreign Travels undertaken by Armed Forces Personnel deputed at IDSA since September, 2000 onwards till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) 28 Research Projects have been completed by serving Armed Forces Personnel under Fellowship Scheme at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) since September 2000 till date on subjects such as structure of Indian Army, terrorism, counter-terrorism strategy, modernization of Army, security scenario in the Asia Pacific region etc.

(b) & (c): One Officer from the Air Force is with the IDSA for over four years at present. The officer is doing research in a field important from military point of view, and in which no other suitable researcher is available. The officer has been retained at the Institute's request and with the consent of the Air Force, which does not envisage any operational role for the officer.

(d) 8 Armed Forces personnel deputed at IDSA have undertaken 38 foreign travels since September 2000 till date. These visits were made to neighbouring countries, Germany, US, Italy, Canada etc. to participate in Seminars/Conferences of Military importance and relevant to their research subjects.